GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:721
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
DD/AIR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the cities and towns in various States where Doordarshan/AIR transmission facilities have not been provided till 2001;

(b) whether the Government propose to establish transmission facilities in these places during the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the target set during the Ninth Plan to provide Doordarshan/AIR transmission facilities in cities and towns of the country was achieved;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the amount allocated to provide such facilities during the last three years and the amount actually spent?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 721 REGARDI DD/AIR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY FOR ANSWER ON 16.5.2002.

(a) to (c): Doordarshan/AIR signals are at present being transmitted in Terrestrial and/or Satellite modes. For satellite transmission, it is not necessary to install transmitters in various cities and towns. Signals can be received by using appropriate antennae and receiver sets. In terrestrial mode, DD`s present coverage is 90 per cent by population and 77.5 per cent by area, whereas AIR coverage is 99 per cent by population and 90 per cent by area. It is the endeavour of DD/AIR to gradually cover the remaining area/population. The Transmitter projects to be established during the current year are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): Details of the projects targeted and completed during the 9th Five Year Plan are given below:

	Targeted	Completed
Doordarshan	603	509
All India Radio	92	88

(f): Delay in completion of the remaining projects was due to
(i) non- availability of sites
(ii) delay in construction of buildings and towers
(iii) delay in supply of equipment
(iv) law and order problems
(v) closure of roads due to inclement weather conditions in hilly and remote regions.

(g): The amount allocated and spent during the last three years on these projects are:

Rupees in crores (approx)

	Allocated	Spent
All India Radio	452.93	375.00
Doordarshan	754.55	645.71